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BRIEFS

■ More tax money up in flames: The Ironbound Committee Against Toxic Wastes (ICATW) criticized the Essex County Utilities Authority approval of the sale of \$29 million worth of bonds, despite a negative recommendation from the state Local Finance Board. ICATW member John Kruszewski says that the sale should be postponed pending a full public hearing on the issue, or, at least, until the end of the current investigation of the County's solid waste activities, including the creation of the Utilities Authority, by the Attorney General's Office. Kruszewski notes that there has been contradictory information reported about the cost to tax payers of burning garbage without the bond issue and says that the people of Essex County need to know "the true cost."

■ Stiffer penalties for dumping: To address the growing concern over illegal dumping in certain neighborhoods, Newark Municipal Council President Donald Bradley has announced that he will seek to have "stiffer penalties set— and an official task force established" in order to try to deter would-be dumpers from dropping household, commercial, industrial as well as toxic garbage illegally. He is also appealing to residents to "get involved, and report incidents of dumping."

■ Three-year-long rent strike ends in victory: The Newark Housing Authority (NHA) has reached an agreement with residents at Stephen Crane Village to end the rent strike that was initiated three years ago in protest of "certain conditions that have now been resolved." NHA Executive Director Harold Lucas announced. Lucas pointed out that in addition to working out maintenance problems at the complex, the NHA is finalizing a \$13 million modernization program at the complex that will make Stephen Crane Village one of the finest housing developments in the city and one of the best public housing values in the state and country.

NEWARK—"This is no game, no sport, no demolition derby," said Attorney General Robert J. DelToro during a news conference in Newark where governor Jim Florio announced a plan for the state to assist in the battle against car theft in the city.

According to Florio, who met with residents of the city last week, the people of Newark understood the severity of the problem. "This is first and foremost a law enforcement problem and we're going to make sure we bring to bear the resources, effort and manpower that are needed," the governor said. "When someone goes out at two in the morning, steals a car, and takes a life, it isn't because the library wasn't open. It's lawless behavior that must stop."

The plan announced by the governor calls for special judges, attorneys and probation officers to deal specifically with the problem as well as stiffer penalties and additional spaces in correctional institutions for offenders.

According to Del Tulo, all car theft cases will now be sent to court and not automatically referred to

diversion programs. Therefore, Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys, the Superior Court assignment judge for Essex County, will assign additional judges and staff to the family division to handle these cases.

Also, the state will designate an assistant prosecutor to handle only auto theft cases, and to request that the Public Advocate assign a public defender to do the same. These appointments will facilitate quicker handling of auto theft cases. New probation officers will also be assigned to provide special attention to offenders.

The governor said that stricter but "appropriate" penalties for offenders are needed. "For the first-time offender, the choices shouldn't simply be to do nothing or to lock someone up forever."

The state plans to make changes in the legislation that will require mandatory penalties for theft and related offenses. Such penalties would include:

- a mandatory custodial sentence or community service for first-time juvenile car thieves
- a mandatory custodial sentence of at least 60 days for repeat

juvenile offenders

- mandatory jail terms for adult second offenders and anyone eluding police in connection with a car

theft

- upgraded penalties for joy-riding drivers of stolen cars and their passengers

There will also be legislation that will make parents financially liable for damage to cars stolen by

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support system of mentors who have accepted the challenge to help underachievers, high school dropouts and generally disinterested students set goals for higher education or a job they can perform and remain following graduation from high school. Payne became the Foundation's

executive director six months ago and has been busily recruiting volunteers to work with students classified as "at risk."

"In the city of Newark," he explains, "most of the 50,000 students in the public school system may very well be classified as at-risk. Virtually all of them could benefit from a mentoring relationship with a caring adult from the corporate sector or community volunteer programs who can serve as positive role models."

"An extraordinary number of young people in America are at risk of being lost. Millions of youngsters are vulnerable to the negative effects of societal ills and these include young people residing in rural areas as well as the inner city."

One to One N.J. was founded in 1989 is a statewide organization

under the leadership of then Governor Thomas Kean, Commissioner of Community Affairs Leonard Coleman and Raymond Chambers, philanthropist and chairman of Amelior Foundation, supporter of numerous non-profit education projects.

Through the education consulting firm Educate America, One N.J.'s formula is school-centered youth mentoring that works with clusters of elementary and high schools. The Newark program includes elementary schools (10) that feed into Central High School, enabling mentors to work with and monitor a student's progress from 5th grade through 12th grade.

It is an ambitious undertaking," said Rusti Priory of Princeton, chairman of the Foundation Board of Trustees. "In some cases

mentors become almost like surrogate parents. They are required to give more than lip service and they are aware of the Herculean task we have to overcome— student delinquency, apathy, a poor learning environment and all the social ills that plague urban children and their families."

Payne, a graduate of Rutgers University with a degree in Political Science, founded and operated Urban Data Systems, a Newark-based business from 1969-1988.

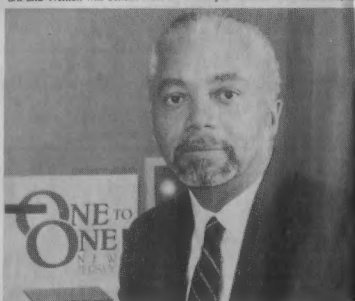
He had previously worked at a

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One to One director experienced and dedicated

by Connie Woodruff

NEWARK—If William (Bill) Payne's plans for the One to One New Jersey Foundation stay on course, thousands of "at risk" students in inner city schools in Newark and Trenton will benefit from a



Bill Payne, executive director of One to One NJ Foundation

Plainfield Charter Committee wants full-time counsel

PLAINFIELD — When the residents of Plainfield finally get a chance to review the recommendations of the Plainfield Charter Study Committee, they will find sweeping changes that many will agree with and probably just as many will question. Last week, City News published the Committee's recommendations on bi-annual elections. This week City News reports on the Committee's findings on a full-time corporation counsel.

The Charter Committee supports the proposal suggesting that the office of Corporation Counsel be staffed by full-time attorney(s) employed by the city. Accepting this proposal would not require that a change be made in the charter because the charter does not discuss whether or not the position of Corporation Counsel should be part-time or full-time.

According to Sec. 4.7 of the

Charter, "There shall be a corporation counsel who shall be nominated and appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. The corporation counsel shall serve during the term of office of the Mayor appointing him and until the appointment and qualification of his successor, subject to removal as provided by the Charter. He shall be the chief legal advisor to the Mayor and to the Council, and shall have such specific functions, powers and duties, and may appoint such assistants, as may be provided by the Administrative Code."

Those in favor of hiring a full-time staff argue such a change would be beneficial because counsel would be available in city hall on a daily basis for consultations with city employees. Also, competent professionals could be hired on full-time and part-time basis more economically than the current method of

hiring lawyers on an hourly basis. Local costs could be better estimated in the preparation of a budget, too.

Supporters also suggest that Plainfield would be assured of no conflicts of interest, or appearance of conflicts, between the counsel's interests as corporate counsel and his private practice of law. They also said that a salaried employee, as opposed to someone remunerated on a per hour basis, is encouraged to make efficient use of time in settlement of litigation, contract negotiations, and

Opponents to the proposal argue that the elimination of several part-time attorney assignments would decrease involvement of lawyers with city government. They also argue that many qualified attorneys would be unwilling to give up private practice to work full-time for the city as a full-time staff may inhibit opportunity

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Festival for kids to benefit teen parents

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Anarchy in Somalia

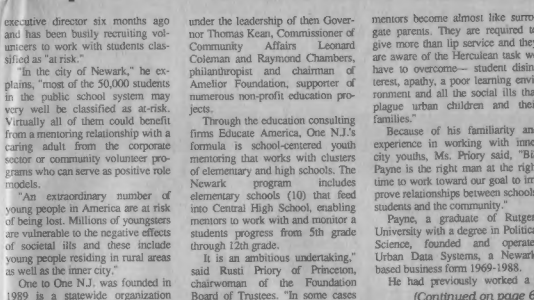
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BIC, ministers kick off registration drive



Left to right: Newark Councilman and NJ BIC Chairman Donald Tucker with Gov. Jim Florio and BIC Chaplain Rev. Willie Simmons at dinner kicking off voters registration drive. See story of page 6. Photo by Glen Friesen

East Orange gardeners bring home top honors



Pictured left to right: Catherine Culver, an unidentified person, Mayor Cardell Cooper, Pattie Harris, James Robinson, Mamie Thompson and Gloria Williams

East Orange gardeners bring home top honors



EAST ORANGE—Five East Orange gardeners brought home top honors for their efforts during the 1992 planting season.

Mamie Thompson of Dodd Street, a graduate of the Rutgers Master Urban Gardener Program, was recognized for having the best community garden. Pattie Harris of Hollywood Avenue was awarded the blue ribbon for best new community garden and James Robinson of Eppert Street for the best backyard garden. Catherine Culver of North Maple Avenue, also a Rutgers Master Gardener Program graduate, received recognition by placing second, third and honorable mention in the cabbage, scallion and cherry tomato categories, respectively. Gloria Williams of North Arlington Avenue graduated from the Master Gardener Program.

The urban gardeners were recognized at the Rutgers Urban Gardening Harvest Banquet where the fruits of their labor were displayed fresh off the vine or in tasty dishes.

Mayor Cardell Cooper greeted the honorees last week in his office. He expressed his pride and appreciation for their efforts in beautifying the city.

PEOPLE on The Move

Eugene Stewart of Newark received a commendation from Newark City Councilman George Branch for his performance in responding to a major motor vehicle accident. Stewart is an Emergency Medical Technician in the Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)-University Hospital in Newark. Elaine L. Chao has been named president and chief executive officer of United Way of America. Chao, former director of the Peace Corps, the world's largest international volunteer agency, will assume responsibilities no more than November 16. Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick and Robert E. Mulcahy III will be honored at Cathedral Healthcare System's first annual gala, to be held on board World Yachts M/S New Yorker on Saturday, September 26, 1992. Archbishop McCarrick, the spiritual leader of 3 million Catholics in the archdiocese of Newark, which sponsors Cathedral Healthcare System, and Mr. Mulcahy, president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority and chairman of the Board of Governors of Cathedral Healthcare System, are being honored for their commitment to Cathedral Healthcare System and to Catholic health care in New Jersey.

Jersey, Pam Grandinetti, RN, Ed.D., of West Orange has been named to the Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Affiliate, Inc. A Certified Diabetes Educator, Ms. Grandinetti is Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing and Coordinator of Administrative and Clinical Services at the Department of Nursing Education and Services at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Health Related Professions. Patricia A. Fiorello has been named business director for the Specialty Products Division of the Nabisco Food Group. Fiorello, a resident of Upper Merion, is responsible for the Oriole line of Mexican foods. New Jersey Transit recently presented awards for actions "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty," to the recipients were: Earl Lee of Irvington and Sylvester Pitt of Plainfield as employees who make "Special Offers." Awards were also given to employee Thomas Paulsen of Teaneck, Arlene Williams of East Orange, Almiher Sweetlittle of Union, Robert Jackson of Passaic, Joe Russo of Passaic and Gusty Anderson of East Orange for their consistently positive proactive and professional approaches to their jobs. Brenda Lee of East Orange, Gordie Oswalk of Newark and James R. Guerin of Westfield were among the eight top winners announced for the New Jersey Lottery's Summer Fun instant game. The top prize for which was \$1,000 in cash. Ishwar Patel of Newark was recently named Citizen of the month by Mayor Sharpe James. Patel, director of the Rutgers Urban Gardening Program, was recognized for his leadership role in turning over 300 vacant city lots into 1,200 gardens that produced 800,000 worth of food in 1991. Fahrod Oliver was named

Student of the Month by Mayor James. Oliver, a 10-year-old student at Camden Street School, was recognized for his academic excellence and musical talents. Dr. Loreta Sweet-Jennott, assistant professor in the College of Nursing at Rutgers-Newark, was recently awarded a \$22.3 million grant by the National Institutes of Health for development of AIDS intervention program for black women. The grant will allow Sweet-Jennott to develop programs to reduce the risk of HIV infection among inner-city black women. Gail Cruise-Roberson has been appointed head of the Newark Education Council (NEC) effective August 3. Cruise-Roberson has been the NEC's staff associate for programs since 1991.

Fifth Annual African-American Arts and Heritage Festival
HOLMDEL — "T'mEvery Sister," a one-act original play performed by students from William Paterson College will be the highlight of the African-American Arts and Heritage Festival to be held Saturday, September 19 at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel.
The African-American Arts and Heritage Festival, founded by former Garden State Parkway official Clinton Crocker, is one of 12 ethnic festivals sponsored by the Garden State Parkway Cultural Center Fund. Ron Mathis, General Chair of the African-American Committee, sees the festival as tracing more than 12,000 people a year making it the largest African-American festival in the State of New Jersey.
This year's festivities will feature the largest and most diversified array

of talent and culture. From classical to rap from gospel to jazz, the festival will also celebrate the full range of African music. MWANIMKE, Joy Foster, Realty, Gene McCormick, Sila, Alva Nelson and Olam Productions are just some of those scheduled to appear. There will be a special band from the Caribbean and musicians from as far away as West Africa.
Games for the young will include, African style walking, double Dutch dancing, art exhibits and vendors selling every type of African-American food and artifacts imaginable.
The multi-million dollar Reception Center will also house the African-American Art Exhibition including the works of Marvin Alvin Smith, Kevin Sampson, Kevin Brooks and Rock Miller. Cartoonist Dwayne Ferguson (Captain Africa)

will exhibit as well.
The center will also host the committee's first Annual Community Service Awards Program. Community leaders throughout the state will be honored for their many years of dedicated service. Over one hundred community leaders will receive this award.
Julius K. Robinson, African American Committee Chairman sees this year's festival as the best yet. Robinson also serves as a commissioner on the Garden State Parkway Authority.
For tickets please call 908-442-9200, 908-752-3588, 201-371-0243, 201-733-2471. Advance tickets are just \$5, \$3 for children. Children under 8 years are admitted free. Proceeds from all of the festivals go to benefit senior citizens, school children, individuals with disabilities and those who are economically disadvantaged.

Newark coalition unifies for community renewal

NEWARK — Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry (MEM), a coalition of 100 Essex County churches, will announce the details of its urban community renewal and development initiatives at the MEM Fellowship Brunch Thursday, September 24 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Solid Rock Baptist Church, 644 Chancellor Avenue in Irvington.
The coalition is inviting pastors and other religious leaders to join forces and resources to reclaim and develop urban communities by fighting crime, substance abuse, unemployment and poor housing and public education, as well as to effectively respond to the emergency food, clothing and shelter needs within the city. Coalition members will describe the cooperative strategy to benefit youth and families being implemented by churches in East Orange, Irvington and Newark to pastors and guests who are being charged to increase support for local church outreach.
The brunch, which is being hosted by the Irvington Clergy Association is free and open to all religious leaders. Anyone interested in attending should call the MEM office at 201-481-6650 to make reservations.

NCSA announces fall session, open house week

NEWARK — Just a short walk from Symphony Hall, in the historic Lincoln Park District, people of all ages are signing up for the Fall Session of the Newark Community School of the Arts (NCSA). Now in its 25th year, NCSA serves both children and adults of Greater Newark with quality instruction in Music, Dance, Drama, and Visual Arts.
Open House Week, for anyone who is interested in the unique educational programs and who would like to see NCSA classes in action, will be held on September 17, 22 and 23, from 4 to 7 p.m., on Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 89 Lincoln Park. Safe, secure, on-site parking is available.
According to Richard Probert, NCSA Executive Director, "The best part about NCSA is that we are a family oriented school with something for everyone — From Young at Arts for 3 to 7-year-olds, to

Ballet for girls and boys, to Afro-Caribbean dance for adults, to private lessons on all musical instruments, including voice, piano and guitar. And we make an effort to reach out to the community by providing dozens of free concerts, as well as tuition assistance and scholarships."
In keeping with NCSA's commitment to quality, accessibility and affordability, a limited amount of financial assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis. A limited number of scholarships, such as the Keshia Wright-Pulliam Scholarship, will also be given out to talented, needy students.
Founded in 1968, the Newark Community School of the Arts is one of the largest community arts schools in New Jersey. NCSA has an arts/faculty of 45, many of whom are graduates of prominent

schools such as Juillard, Indiana University and the Moscow Conservatory, and some of whom are internationally recognized performing artists.
For more information about registering, Open House Week or scholarship eligibility, please call the Newark Community School of the Arts, 201-642-0133, or visit us at 89 Lincoln Park, Newark. Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 9 to 7; Friday and Saturday, 9 to 5.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
UPPER MONTCLAIR — Dr. C. Eugene, former Surgeon General of the United States, will give the inaugural lecture of the Nicholas Martin Center for Public Policy at Montclair State. A reception will follow. For more information call 201-693-4333.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth Public Library will present "Columbus Then, Columbus Now" four-part lecture series commemorating the Columbus Quincentennial. The first lecture will be presented by John M. Murin, Prof. of History at Princeton University. For more information call 908-354-6060.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
GLASSBORO — An all day African festival will be held at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center. There will be African American art and other collectibles, African food and music on hand. A special reading will be presented by Eusebio Cayanan, poet and author of the forthcoming book, *Outcry In the Mind of Outrage*, at the program's finale. For more information call 609-384-9535.
ATLANTIC CITY The Miss America Pageant will be held at Convention Hall. For more information call 609-345-5771.
STONE HARBOR The Wings 'N Water Festival will take place throughout the day at the Wetlands Institute. For more information call 609-368-1211.
BELVIDERE The Garden State Wine Growers' Fall Festival will take place at Four Sisters Winery through to September 20. Great food and a sampling competition are some of the highlights. For more information call 908-475-3671.
PLAINFIELD — Plainfield Action Services will be distributing free commodities for Plainfield residents only

who are pre-registered with PAS at Hubbard Junior High School, 661 West Eighth Street, from 8:00 a.m. until supplies have been exhausted or 4:00 p.m., regardless of race, creed or religion or sex, age, handicap or origin. For more information call 908-753-3519.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
OCEANVILLE The American Brass Quintet will perform at The Noyes Museum from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The program will consist of 20th Century, Elizabethan, and Romantic pieces including *Music for Brass* by George Walker of Montclair, NJ and *Distant Voices* by David Sampson of Morristown, NJ. For more information call 609-652-9848.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
NEWARK — The International Black Women's Congress will hold its 6th Annual National Conference, Friday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Radisson Hotel. This year's theme is the Political Socialization of Black Women: Empowerment. The Key Note Speaker is Sonia Sanchez. For more information call 201-926-0570.
SUMMIT — The mixed media and acrylic works of Rashid Abshel will be exhibited in the Members' Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, located at 68 Elm Street in Summit, through October 26. For further information call 908-273-9121.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
JERSEY CITY The New Jersey State Ethnic Festival will take place at Liberty State Park through the 27th. Ethnic performers and a Parade of Nations are some of the highlights. For more information call 609-984-7145.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth Public Library continues its lecture series "Columbus Then, Columbus Now" with a lecture by Herbert C.

Kraft, Prof. of Anthropology. He will speak on the effect that Columbus had on the lives of Native Americans. The lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Public Library. For more information call 908-354-6060.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
NEW BRUNSWICK — The George Street Playhouse opens its 19th season with the world premiere of *Neat The End of the Century* by Tom Dulack at 8 p.m. For more information call 908-245-7717.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
ROSELAND The American Diabetes Association will host a Walktoberfest at Bonfora Park, in order to raise funds to help fight diabetes. For more information call 908-388-4753.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
NEWARK — The New Jersey Historical Society will honor Philip Roth, one of America's outstanding authors, at a special event to be held at the Radisson Hotel where he was raised and schooled. The Society is extending a special invitation to his Westcott classmates, the Class of 1959. For more information call 201-483-3939.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
CAPE MAY Victorian Week will be held through the 18th featuring Victorian fashions, games, music, and more. For more information call 609-884-5404.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
MILLBURN — Sam Champion, long Eyewitness News, is the celebrity chairman for the second annual Sharp Cycle for Cancer Care at the Historic Village of Waterloo in Stanhope. Walkers are also invited to participate in the day which includes breakfast, a picnic lunch, music, dancing and over 100 door prizes. For more information call Georgina Manley at 201-379-7500.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth Public Library continues its lecture series "Columbus Then, Columbus Now" with a lecture on the impact of Columbus on Africans and African Americans in the Delaware Valley presented by Prof. Clement Price, Rutgers University. The lecture begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabeth Public Library. For more information call 908-354-6060.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
WAYNE — The Wayne Chamber Orchestra will begin its seventh season with the world premiere of "Songdancer" by composer Hugh Aiken. The concert, to be held in the Shea Center for Performing Arts at William Paterson College, begins at 8 p.m. For more information call the Shea Center Box Office at 201-955-2371.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
HEWARK — African American Education Committee, a branch of The Sharing Network, presents "The Black Family: Health Issues in the Nineties." A lecture and all day workshop given by Dr. Clive Calender and the Howard University Hospital Transplant Program. The event is to be held at the Radisson Hotel from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call 301-379-4535.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
CHATSWORTH The Chatsworth Carribery Festival will take place through to the 28th featuring strolling, quilt patch contests, an antique car show, and more. For more information call 609-859-9701 or 609-894-9252.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
HEWARK — The 4th Annual Breakfast of the Civic Association for Council President Donald Bradley will be held at the Quality Inn Hotel, 50 Park Place, 201-926-9313.

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We heard from you! The results of last week's question: Will you and your family have a better lifestyle under a Bush/Quayle or Clinton/Gore administration?

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Somalia: Anarchy hampers aid

By William Reed

When it had a functioning government, the seat of the government for the black African country of Somalia was in the city of Mogadishu. Now, this East African country needs world-wide, and organized, help as over two thousand of its people die every day from famine and bloodshed. Western aid leaders, and Western aid relief organizations, are unable, or unwilling, to help Somalia's endangered people out of fear of the rampant anarchy that exists throughout the country. World health sources report the one-third of Somalia's population could die if food and health assistance doesn't reach them quickly. One-fourth of the country's children under five have already perished.

In total crisis, Somalia was already a poor country before strongman dictator Mohammed Siad Barre was ousted and fled the country last year. Subsequent battles and banditry between rival clans have flattened much of the country and its economy. Only a few formal businesses operate and the electricity and telephone systems have been down close to a year. There is no government, police force or mail service. The only thing for certain is the repeat appearance of countless young gunmen who tote AK-47 and M-16 assault rifles which they can purchase from plentiful supplies for under \$150. The "young commanders," as they are known, strut openly wearing t-shirts bearing messages such as: "I am the Boss" and "Cool and Deadly." The strippers where cargo shipments from the united

States, France, Germany and Nigeria headed to this country and in hopes of feeding the millions of starving Somalis are overrun with what a U.S. Marine General describes as "a bunch of ragged guys with guns." Is a recent cargo unloading example, young gunmen raided the port and stole 300 tons of food and 199 barrels of fuel.

Part of the problem is that in a starving country, food be-

comes power and thus the prey of both organized looter and freeloader. Warlords who use the young men to fight their battles pay them not in cash, but food. Foreign relief agencies wishing to move the food from planes to places inside Somalia must negotiate deals with the patchwork of clan leaders and militia commander who have replaced organized government.

While 1.5 to 2 million Somalis are in danger of starving

to death, the Bakaaraha Market in Mogadishu has become so glutted with stolen rice that the price for a 110-pound sack has dropped from \$80 to \$15 in two weeks. Lawlessness runs wild, yet the most powerful clan leader in the country, General Mohammed Farrah Aidid, said that his Somali Congress group opposes a United Nations plan to send more troops to protect food deliveries because, "The arrival of the troops would spark new fighting in the country."

Newark councilman mounts Florida relief effort

NEWARK—Municipal Councilman-at-Large, Ralph T. Grant, Jr., is calling on residents, corporations, agencies and organizations to assist in a "relief effort" to help the victims of Hurricane Andrew in Florida. With the help of two trucks donated from the Allegheny E. Conference of 70th Day Adventists (out of Pine Forest, PA), he will be taking tractor-trailer truckloads of goods to the Miami area at the end of next week.

He is calling for donations of bottled water, non-perishable foods, disposable diapers, generators and batteries. No clothing donations can be accepted. The donated items can be dropped off at Hopewell Baptist Church (c/o Reverend Jason Guico), located at 17 Muhammed Ali Boulevard in Newark, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

S. Peter Campbell, the former Pastor of Trinity Temple Church, has pledged to drive one of the trailers for the Councilman's relief effort. A special appeal is being made through the local churches, for "good will" donations by Newark congregations.

Newark MOET to help at-risk youths

NEWARK—The Mayor's Office of Employment and Training (MOET), in cooperation with the Division of Youth Services, the International Youth Organization (IYO) and Essex County College (ECC), will implement a program to discourage Newark youngsters from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

The initiative, geared toward at-risk youth, was made possible with a \$50,000 Challenge Grant awarded to MOET from the New Jersey Department of Labor. The employment and training agency will contribute \$121,630 in-kind services bringing the total grant amount to \$171,630, MOET officials said.

Howard Atkins, director of MOET, said, "As crime, such as our youth continues to escalate, the MOET office in partnership with Essex County College, the IYO program and the Youth Services Division, are committing resources to provide a framework to address the crucial problem."

Mayor Sharpe James applauded "the worthwhile effort, from both public and private sector agencies, to combat the auto theft problem, and to help save Newark youth."

Atkins said the primary goals of the program are to provide participants with the necessary skills to become productive Newark citizens, to reduce the recidivism rate through viable alternatives and to empower

youngsters by building their self-esteem and generating enthusiasm. The registration process begins the third week of September. For those youths selected to participate in the program, it will take an aver-

age of six to eight months to complete the course.

For more information contact Arthur Nunnally in the Newark MOET office, Room 217, 32 Green Street 201-733-4885.

lead-free "safe houses" in Newark for families whose homes contain lead hazards.

The Lead Poisoning bill, sponsored by the senators, has been attached to the Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs appropriations bill which recently passed the Senate Appropriations Committee with final approval expected in September.

Newark Human Services Director Bobi Ruffin noted, the grant would help the city to break the cycle of sending children with lead poisoning back to contaminated housing due to a lack of transitional housing.

Newark is currently treating an estimated 1,000 children for lead poisoning and 70 percent of those being treated are still living in homes that are contaminated with lead, she said. The city is working to obtain either a 15-unit dwelling or two three-family houses to use as the safe houses for this abatement program which could start as early as June of 1993, continued.

James said, the funding is essential to safeguard the City's children. He said that the long-term risk for developmental, learning and behavioral problems in children exposed even to relatively low levels of lead is "so scary."

Youth drowned

by Jacynth Clarke

EAST ORANGE — Ehab Muhammad, 12, accidentally drowned in the pool at the John Costley Jr. School-Hart Middle school complex while trespassing along with six other male youths between ages 10 and 15 on August 23.

The group entered the school by squeezing through an ajar door that had been secured with a chain lock. They played in the pool area for approximately one hour and, upon leaving the area, realized that Muhammad was missing. When they discovered the victim's body under water at the deep end of the pool, two of the boys tried to rescue him, but were unable to do so.

Police, Fire and Emergency Personnel were summoned and responded immediately. Officers Troy Bowers and Keith Benson of the East Orange Police Department (EOPD) removed the victim from the pool and took him to the trauma unit at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where continued revival attempts failed.

The six youths, five residents of East Orange and one resident of Orange, were charged with Juvenile Delinquency and Trespassing, but were released to the custody of their parents, despite charges.

Captain Robert Roberts of the Community Relations Department of the EOPD commented: "It is unfortunate that although there are so many precautions, children always seem to somehow get around them." In Muhammad's case, the cost was his life.

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Smoke-screen politics

In President Bush's recent interview with NBC-TV's Tom Brokaw, once again, he urged Americans to get solidly behind family values. At this point it's time to squash this vicious rant that adopting and repeating the family values litany will save our country.

Mr. President, let's discuss those things that will help the family and those things that are rightfully part of the responsibility of the federal government in line with protecting and helping the general welfare of its people.

The real issue is, how does a government help to provide an environment that fosters good family relationships. We don't believe it's by preaching some personal, elitist jargon about your family and those who are clearly someone in every example you give as being white, two-parent, and suburban.

In the last twelve years, families across this country have shown their metal by somehow sticking it out in spite of losing jobs, sending their children to inferior schools, living in worsening neighborhoods and not being able to afford adequate housing or health care.

We don't want you to read our lips, we want you to go where you so carefully choose not to go. Go into the real America where people are hungry for leadership on real issues not the same old smoke screen leadership disguised by nebulous slogans using terms like family values. The following is our list of immediate concerns, all of which impact on family values:

Jobs: Where are your efforts to create jobs for the people? It would help families considerably if parents could adequately provide for food, clothing, and shelter.

Housing: Where are your efforts to provide affordable housing? We know that billions have been squandered on commercial buildings that now sit empty in suburban communities. It would help families considerably if parents could provide decent housing.

Health Care: Where are your efforts to provide a national health care system? The single most devastating thing that can happen to a family is a long-term critical illness which is occurring regularly today as our environmental conditions continue to erode. It would help families considerably if parents could provide preventive as well as necessary health care.

Education: Where are your efforts to provide quality education? Our public school systems should have a complete overhaul, instilling major changes. The answer is not simply your \$100 tax credit proposal.

Child Care: In order for many heads of households to work, they need affordable child care support. Since we all know that these are critical years of growth and development, children should receive the best care we can give. What are your plans to help families with child care?

As we all know, personal experience with our families, and there are many significant factors that make up and impact on the family unit. If you truly value the family, then you will play politics during a time when the family so desperately needs honest leadership to undergo its position is society.

Where in recent memory have children worried about the "Red Threat" as you so dramatically preach. What they have worried about is negotiating the dangers of the street, what will happen since Daddy or Mommy have lost their jobs, will they be able to pass basic tests for graduation, and wondering if they will have a future.

Mr. President, since you've made "family values" the main course on your political plate, try to have less smoke and more meat. Address the real issues that are destroying our families.

Where are the jobs!

By Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks

BALTIMORE—The economy today is the number one of most Americans. For most of Black America, it is a 24-hour preoccupation. The old saying: "When America gets the sniffles, Black America gets pneumonia," seems never more true than today. —Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks

According to the Population Reference Bureau of Washington, D.C., the percentage of Black households earning \$22,000-\$50,000 annually in 1990 was 26.6 percent, the middle income measure, and

another 11.9 percent earned \$50,000 or more. This means that more than one third of America's black families were in the middle income bracket or above. The approximate aggregate income of all U.S. Black families was, according to the Bureau, a whopping \$193.3 billion in 1990! That's a lot of money no matter how you count it.

And no doubt about it, this represents progress, by any measurement. But when you remember that nearly half of the Black population in the United States is mired at the poverty level—the working poor, or below —We find little cause for cheering.

What is so troubling is the fact that for those stuck at the poverty level or below, there seems little hope for relief on the immediate horizon.

No one is saying that the nature of employment has changed almost overnight. Gone forever are the manufacturing jobs—auto, farm equipment, steel making—that used to guarantee a largely uneducated, blue collar class a job good pay, virtual life for life—jobs that enabled the many to marry, buy a decent home, pay for health care and the education of his children, which, in turn, guaranteed that generation a better life.

In my keynote address at the 83rd NAACP Annual Convention in July, I asked "Is Anybody Listening, Does Anyone Care?" about the cries that come from those who are unemployed, asking where are the jobs?

America that used to be the manufacturing wonder of the world is now moving from a manufacturing economy to a service economy, and nobody's authority has even bothered to tell the American people, leave alone consult them, I said, addressing the Presidential candidates.

"Today, two percent of our work force is employed in agriculture, 77 percent in service industry and only 21 percent in manufacturing. Where are the jobs? When will you bring them back home? When can we make decent wages so that when we (Blacks) work forty hours cleaning beds, changing linens, washing sick bodies, we won't have to get food stamps to make it over—Mr. Bush, Mr. Clinton—we are anybody listening, does anyone care?"

The horrendous Los Angeles riots exposed the jobless problem in our urban centers such as Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, and in many other American cities suffering jobless pains, as well.

Obviously, American jobs being "outsourced" to cheaper labor markets outside the U.S. is one big cause of our dilemma. There are others.

And so I have asked President Bush to appoint a National Commission comprised of a cross-section of outstanding men and women (similar to those of the 1968 Kerner Commission) to look critically and in depth at the vexing problems facing our nation's cities with the objective of finding solutions to our dilemma.

This commission, of course, should listen to recommendations of private groups, including those of the NAACP and its allies.

By Connie Woodruff

Women throughout the country are taking the pronouncement that 1992 is the Year of the Woman seriously.

New Jersey is no exception, but then women in this state have never been shrinking violets. We have always pushed our way into non-traditional jobs, economic opportunities and areas of social change.

As far back as the late 1880's, New Jersey feminists pushed for women's rights and, of course, the right to vote by suffragettes of the prevailing ethnic groups.

New Jersey women were among the first in the nation to challenge men for jobs as welders, carpenters, assembly line workers, truck drivers, cabbies and bus drivers, once considered "non-traditional" employment for females. We have seized the reins of economic stability by running our own businesses, teaching other women how to become entrepreneurs and electing women to office to make sure our equal status is protected by legislative action.

In this Year of the Woman, Newark's Carolyn Kelley is back in the spotlight with her proposed "First Class Championship Development Center" on the corner of Bergen Street and Cester Avenue.

When completed, the facility which will provide boxing, Karate, physical fitness training, be a community center housing learning and day care services.

Ambitions? You bet. Possibly? Well folks who know native born Newarker Carolyn Kelley are cautious about voting against the success of her latest venture.

They remember when Carolyn offered her home for the strategists who met in the mid-1960's to topple then mayor Hugh Addonizio off his throne and set up the mechanism to elect the city's first black mayor, Ken Gibson.

They also remember how they all laughed when Kelly announced she would become a bail bondsman. When she couldn't rent an office

in the vicinity of Newark police headquarters, she purchased a trailer, leased a spot in a parking lot around the corner from headquarters and did a landside business from her trailer office.

Alternately she has been a fund raiser for the homeless and handicapped kids, and was an early trendsetter in the naming of Newark streets for famous people. She is best known for her successful efforts in changing old Waverly Avenue into Muhammad Ali Boulevard although its questionable whether or not the boxing great has ever seen the "boulevard" named in his honor.

That happened around the time Kelly became interested in the fight game. Now this was really a first among Newark women but typical for the woman constantly seeking to break new economic ground.

She's been involved in the sport for nearly a decade and operated a boxing program in a building on Brannan Place. Her eye for the unusual brought her in contact with a one-arm boxer and supported her thesis that inner city young children and even handicapped youngsters could be motivated by a sport designed to teach self-discipline and humility.

When she found an abandoned building once owned by a furniture company in the South Ward, the founder of "Women Around the Ring" saw a golden opportunity to be within reach of hundreds of kids, parents and boxing professionals. Her juices as entrepreneur, promoter and boxing coach bubbled to the surface once again and she was off and running to raise seed money for the project.

To date she has pumped approximately \$110,000 into the construction of the facility. Secured about \$50,000 in federal Community development Block Grant funds from the Newark city council (1991) and is currently looking for \$250,000 to meet her anticipated goal.

If anything, Carolyn Kelley is a pragmatist and says if she cannot get all of the programs that will also include job training and an on-site medical detection service, in place simultaneously, she and her project engineer, Cleveland Watson will move ahead with the boxing program.

The Center has been enthusiastically endorsed by Mayor Sharpe James who says, "This is going to be the best of our private-public partnership

because we have an opportunity to answer the human cry."

If you're a woman who needs a "sisterly fix" once in a while, attendance at the 8th annual conference of the International Black Women's Congress is highly recommended.

Headed by Newarker, Dr. LaFrancis Rodgers-Rose, president and founder of the Congress, the conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel (Airport), Newark, September 25-27 and showcase panels of national and international women who are role models for empowerment.

In keeping with the theme Year of the Woman, speakers will emphasize the Political Socialization of Black Women: Empowerment. The overall goal is for conference participants to define and develop individual and group action plans for future empowerment.

Among featured speakers will be Queen Afia, Brooklyn, NY, Dr. Delores Aldridge of Emory University, Atlanta; Safiya Bandula, Medgar Evers College, Green Childs-Jackson, Ph.D. of East Orange, Fredrick Gray, Connecticut Office on Women, Subira Kilano, African Culture Center, Los Angeles, Marian Kramer of the National Welfare Rights League, Carrie Ponder, Chicago, Denise Gary Robinson, Black Health Foundation and Rev. Jacqueline Carr-Hamilton of Blacksburg, VA.

Noting, "Black women are under-represented in the field of politics," Rodgers-Rose said, "We need to elect political representatives who will speak to our concerns, elect more women to political positions and make sure our voices are heard. Then we must become empowered in the areas of religion, health, education, economics and technology."

Conference speakers will deal with the effects of nearly 400 years of stereotyping the black woman and the importance of creating our own images as we really are, now how others perceive us to be."

Conference fees and other information are available by writing or calling Dr. LaFrancis Rodgers-Rose at 1081 Bergen Street, Suite 200, Newark, NJ 07112; or phone: 201-926-0570.

Go for the green

By William Reed

Hanging on the wall in the "war room" of Bill Clinton's Little Rock campaign headquarters is a sign that says, "The Economy, Stupid." The sign is there to remind workers to keep their eyes on the money sparrow. Ultimate victory in the fall will go to the campaign that sticks to a basic message of improving the state of the American economy.

Both Clinton and Bush can focus on George Bush's shortcomings in this area, and provide insight on how to get more green in everybody's pockets, the "Family Values" that Americans will be most concerned about will be the "Value" of family income. Individual book balancing; individual buying power and retirement revenue. The values that Americans are most concerned about are not Murphy Brown's morals and the two parents in each home that the Republicans are crowing about. Votes will go to whomever gives Americans value in the form of two chickens in everybody's pot and a late-model car in each person's garage.

How can Americans secure more in the way of a wage income base, rebuilding the cities, and eliminating the horrendous federal deficit? Who offers the best probability of helping to get more green into the pockets and collective pockets? Governor Clinton has put forward a definite economic development plan, and President Bush has yet to make a decisive statement, but his position on these particular items of economic significance is well known. Bush's "stewardship" of the present economy and must answer to the flaws in its performance. He has to own the fact that the annual economic growth rate has been under 2 percent, providing substantive reasons as to why the nation's cry into November may be, "watch the economy, stupid."

In both their public statements, Clinton and Bush show concern about the \$4 trillion budget deficit. Bush would attack it by getting a constitutional amendment that requires national budgets to be balanced, and Clinton claims that he will reduce the deficit by a large amount over the course of just a few years. Clinton says that he will accomplish this through economic growth, some tax increases, and some expenditure reductions. Both are planning to attack the sacred cow of "entitlements." These are the transfer payments to people and other expenditures that move with inflation, human

needs, and economic conditions in an almost automatic way. Many African-American leaders will complain about potential cutbacks in "entitlements," such as Aid to Dependent Children, Medicaid and Medicare, but work and production incentives to make America great again will have to be employed from the bottom up as well as from the top down.

Both candidates know that the economy in the inner city was the reason for urban unrest in Los Angeles, Washington and Atlanta and faces economic development for the cities. The "Enterprise Zones" concept, where areas of business, and commercial and employment needs in inner cities are helped through getting financing and capital to disadvantaged entrepreneurs is a program whose implementation is long overdue. Both Clinton's and Bush's proposals in this area come from ideas introduced by soul brother Robert Woodson's National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise. Clinton promises universal national health care

through a government program. Bush wants to improve the system too, but stops short of comprehensive coverage by government. This is a vital area that the whole nation population has an immediate interest.

There is much talk about the economy going into November, but the proof of the pudding will probably play itself out in the next two months. If the economy becomes stronger, Bush will benefit and the degree of benefit will depend on how much better it becomes.

Wall Street analysts say that stocks will move sideways, or lower, between now and November 3rd. They say that the record shows that in election years where the incumbent is about to be turned out, the stock market is weak from overreaction time in August until late October. Things are sad, and the dollar is down in America and around the world. Blacks and whites will be listening to what the candidates say about which of them has the ability to "get into green" in the total landscape of America.

Quote of the Week

"In schools kids, out of school kids, all kids—we are not bad people. We have had bad experiences. We can make something of ourselves and we want to. All we need is some support, some services and some sense of hope that our needs will be taken seriously."

Chanda Pinkney,
17-year-old resident Plainfield

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Newark youths receive praises at reception for Ashe

NEWARK—Chanda Pinkney and Jimmy Peters, both residents of Newark, were praised for their athletic and leadership abilities at a reception held last night in honor of tennis great Arthur Ashe at the Time Life Building in New York.

Pinkney, who worked during the summer for Newark's ABC "Citizen" Tennis Program which was founded by Ashe, spoke about how the program motivated her to do well in tennis, as well as to speak out on issues concerning today's youth. Peters also spoke about how he enjoyed being a part of the program.

Pinkney also spoke about the program earlier this summer when she testified in Washington, D.C. before the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, which was deliberating on the "Comprehensive Services for Youth Act of 1992."



Jimmy Peters, Arthur Ashe and Chanda at the reception in honor of Ashe.

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"It is hard to keep a positive attitude because we are surrounded by so much negativity," she continued. "Most of the people in my neighborhood will eventually become a statistic. I myself could have done the easy thing and become a statistic."

Pinkney attributes her success

to the ABC Program. The program, according to her, is a free, year-round program for all inner-city youth, that uses tennis to attract young people to learn more and experience positive aspects of life. After the time "on-court," there is an "off-court" session, a half-hour discussion time.

"The off-court session is a time

where we literally sit down and learn something that will help for the rest of our lives: from self-respect to life and career planning," Pinkney said. "The ABC program goes right to where the problems are—the 'heart' of the inner-city."

Arthur Ashe heard Miss Pinkney's testimony and was extremely proud of her. She also received accolades from Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy, who offered to provide her with college assistance, and New York Mayor David Dinkins, who heard her speak at the reception for Ashe.

Pinkney told the Senate Committee that inner-city kids need more programs like ABC to persuade young people to stay in school and to help them deal with the many problems and pressures that they are faced with today.

"In school kids, out of school kids, all kids—we are not bad people. We have had bad experiences. We can make something of ourselves and we want to," she said. All we need is some support, some services and some sense of hope that our needs will be taken seriously. I think that is what you are trying to do here with your bill. I think it will make a difference."

Plainfield Youths support victims of Hurricane Andrew

PLAINFIELD—At a time when teen auto theft is dominating the New Jersey/New York media, Second Street Youth Center Teen Rap-Port youths are a breath of fresh air. About 25 inner-city teenagers, male and female, who are enrolled in the program conducted a food drive on September 3rd and 4th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the victims of Hurricane Andrew.

On Friday, August 28, 1992, John Amos, Hollywood actor and New Jersey Native, challenged more than 150 teens and parents to use education to improve the quality of life in the inner cities such as Plainfield's west end. Because of Mr. Amos' message of challenge and hope, the teenagers decided to help the victims who have been devastated by the tragic wrath of Hurricane Andrew.

The teens circulated flyers asking area residents to donate non-perishable food stuffs and bottled water. They also encouraged people to drop off canned or boxed dry goods at the Second Street Youth Center, located at 935 South Second Street in Plainfield.

On the days of the drive, the youths, all dressed in Red Teen Rap-Port t-shirts, stood outside of four different Plainfield supermarkets,

the A&P on Park Avenue, the Foodtown on South Avenue, the Pathmark in the K-Mart shopping center and the ShopRite in the Blue Star shopping center, and asked shoppers to remember the victims of Hurricane Andrew as they shopped.

According to Don Phifer, coordinator of the Teen Rap-Port program, the group collected a great deal of bottled water and canned goods. They also received items for baby care, such as памперсы.

"Things that we hadn't even thought about, but it shows that people are very practical with their contributions," Phifer said.

John Amos joined the teens as they collected food stuff. "It was wonderful because what he did was, as people went in and out of the supermarkets they noticed him and would go over to speak to him, he would say 'Thanks, it's nice of you to compliment me, but please, won't you help these kids with their drive,'" Phifer said. "He diverted the attention from himself and kept the focus on the food drive."

All of the food that the group collected will be delivered to Florida by the trucking firm of Oliver Brown, who also volunteered to deliver items collected by another group in the area.

Festiva For Kids to support Teen Parenting Program

The Plainfield Festival For Kids is a two day event, scheduled for September 19 and 20, to benefit the Teen Parenting Program.

As a teen parent, things have not always looked promising for Khessa Moore, a 1992 graduate of Plainfield High School and now an employee of AT&T in Morristown. The incredible burden of being a teenager, high school student and mother was once overwhelming. However, after she was accepted into the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program, her outlook, her relationship with her son and her view

of herself began to change.

"I learned a lot in the program," says Moore. "I learned how to control my anger and frustration at my son by taking time out and going into another room. I also learned important safety things, like child CPR."

A component of New Jersey School-Based Youth Services, the Plainfield Teen Parenting Program helps teenage mothers stay in school by providing health care for both mother and child, counseling on parenting and job skills, tutoring, child care, and most impor-

tantly, by providing counseling to help prevent additional unwanted pregnancies.

Plainfield residents Pat Fields-Davidson, Dottie Stephens and Ilene Heyward, also employees at AT&T, know all too well the frustration and anxiety that comes with being a teenage parent. All young parents themselves, they are now giving back to the community that helped them succeed and support their families. They are three of the eight mentors and volunteers for the Plainfield Teen Parenting

Program.

There are endless things that the mentor can do for the teens. Heyward recently took in a teen and her baby when they were homeless, and all of the mentors are willing to do the same.

All three women agree that what is most important is for the teens to know that the volunteers are sincere, that their desire to help comes from within, not from a desire for recognition or personal gain. They often use their personal money to help the teens. For example, when one of the teens had an interview, they chipped in to buy her a

suit.

Asked to comment on why the mentors give so much to the teens in the program, Teen Parenting Coordinator Diane DesPlantes said, "They are committed to giving back. If you don't give back, you're part of the problem, not part of the solution."

Khessa and all of the mentors are currently busy getting ready for the two day Festival For Kids, for children under 10 and their parents, to be held at Park Madison. If you would like to find out more about the festival, call the festival hotline at 908-765-3674.

National Guard begins 'Corp of Cadets'

NEWARK—The "Newark Corp of Cadets," a new program sponsored by the National Guards of New Jersey for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 17, will have a strong anti-crime and anti-drug message.

Major General Vito Morgano, Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard, said the program will begin on Friday, September 25 at 120 Roseville Avenue, where registration forms can be obtained. Candidates must be non-drug users and presently enrolled in a city school, Morgano noted.

"Through the disciplined efforts of the New Jersey National Guard, I know the Newark Corp of Cadets initiative will bear good fruit," Mayor Sharpe James said. "I commend Maj. Gen. Morgano and the National Guards. Not only will the program deter our children from

getting involved with drugs and other social ills, but it will help produce youngsters who will serve as positive ambassadors for the City of Newark."

Maj. Gen. Morgano said the Cadets will meet at the Armory one night a week for three hours, under the supervision of Major Paul Rutt, an 18-year National Guard veteran, to help the youngsters develop self-respect, leadership qualities, confidence and life skills.

"It is my strong personal feeling that if we use the resources of the National Guard to battle drugs, crime and other destructive ills," Morgano said, "we will be very successful because of the numerous resources of the Guard. Among our membership are college administrators, school superintendents, teachers, lawyers, doctors and other professionals. These outstanding National Guards officers will serve as positive role-models for the young people to

emulate."

The program is 90 percent funded by the Guard, with the balance coming from community efforts, according to Morgano.

Maj. Rutt, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry, said, "What really excites me is that we will not only be able to actually wage a war against drugs, but we will be able to give something back to the community that has supported us over the years."

Youngsters will also have the opportunity to engage in a number of activities, such as radio communications, history and map reading. In addition, the youngsters will be provided with field strips, hands-on learning experiences and networking with similar youth groups from other states.

For more information, please contact the Armory between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at 201-648-3428.

Tryouts for Garden State Ballet School Scholarships

NEWARK—Fall Scholarship tryouts for the Newark School of the Garden State Ballet will be held on September 25 and October 3 for children ages 7 to 12. Children who are selected will enter a three week Introductory Program offering free instruction in ballet and jazz.

The Introductory Program is open to children who have not had any previous training, and who are of average height and weight. Annually over 100 youngsters participate in the Introductory Programs, held in the Fall, Spring and Summer.

At the conclusion of the Introductory Program, students who demonstrate interest and ability will be eligible to continue their training under partial or full scholarship assistance.

The school's scholarship program is supported by grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge and Victoria foundations and contributions from major corporations.

For more information applicants may contact the Newark School of the Garden State Ballet at 45 Academy Street, 201-623-1033.

Youth volunteers sought by Red Cross

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking young people between the ages of thirteen to nineteen to assist the Chapter with a variety of activities.

The Chapter offers many services to the communities it serves, such as disaster assistance, transportation, various courses in safety subjects, AIDS education, service to military families, and the Options program—a substance abuse program for youth

12 to 18 years of age and their families.

Plainfield Red Cross is presently expanding its services in these and other areas, and participation by area young people would be very helpful. The volunteer work to be done is most interesting and will help youngsters in both their school work as well as their career development.

For further information, please call Connie Farr at 908-756-6414.

Hispanic Heritage Contest

JERSEY CITY — Elementary school children in grades 3 to 8 can enter the Jersey City Public Library's Hispanic Heritage Month contest, September 15 through October 15. Entries will match pictures and names of key figures in Hispanic history with the professions of these celebrities. Contest forms will be available in all branches of the Jersey City Public Library on Tuesday, September 15 and entries must be submitted to the main library, any of the 11 branches or the Bookmo-

bile by October 6, 1992.

Children who receive a perfect score on the entry quiz will automatically be entered in a drawing for three \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds. Names of the three winners will be drawn on October 12. City Councilman Jaime Vasquez will present the bonds to the winners at a ceremony marking the end of Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library's Biblioteca Criolla branch, located at 194 Newark Avenue, at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 15.

Area residents named to honor roll at Oak Knoll

Annette Gadebeku of Plainfield was named to the first honor roll at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child for the third trimester.

Named to the second honor roll were Lynda Cevallos of Newark and Kimberly Barteo of Irvington.

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Religious Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

PERTH AMBOY—The Cathedral Second Step Church will host the Eighth Annual Kingdom Conference with a lecture presentation by the Rev. Martin Espinosa from Nashville, TN, will present a lecture. The Conference entitled "Selling the Gospel" will last until Sunday, October 4. For more information call 908-754-1552.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

PERTH AMBOY—The Kingdom Men of Valor Conference continues with a lecture presentation by the Rev. Brother Brainerd, Jr. from Fort Washington, Maryland. The conference is scheduled to last until Sunday, October 4. For more information call 908-754-1552.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

PERTH AMBOY—The Kingdom Men of Valor Conference continues with a lecture presentation and workshops. The speakers involved include The Rev. Dr. Donald Williams, Jr., The Rev. Dr. Clarence Walker, Dr. Henry Johnson, The Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Proctor. For more information call 908-754-1552.

NEWARK—Heaven and Earth Productions presents Young Adult Christian Connection, a dinner and social for ages 18-35. The event is to be held at the Hilton Gateway in the Gateway Center on Raymond Blvd. in Newark. For more information call 201-591-1122.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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Ministers join BIC in voter registration

NEWARK—"Voter registration has been an issue that has always had a major impact on African Americans' fight for freedom in this country," stated Donald Tucker describing the importance of the upcoming BIC voter registration drive. The drive which will start September 20 and end on the September 27, is targeting elections in November.

Joining with the clergy, Tucker said, "We have to be ever mindful that positive public policy is directly related to whom we vote for. Since the African American religious institutions have always been in the forefront of the movements for freedom, justice and equality, it is appropriate that we should launch a massive drive through the churches."

Among those present were Governor Jim Florio, Senator Wynona Lipman, Rev. S. Howard Woodson, Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton, and NJ BIC Chaplain Rev. Willie Simmons who chaired the dinner kick-off.

For information, contact Councilman Donald Tucker or visit the BIC Statewide Headquarters at 23-35 Elizabeth Avenue in Newark.

Voter registration forms at library

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City residents can pick up the forms to register to vote at all units of the Jersey City Public Library from September 1, 1992. To vote in the November election, citizens that have not registered must file by October 5, 1992.

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'Kids Get Arthritis, Too' scheduled for JA Awareness Week

ISELIN—"Kids Get Arthritis, Too" is the nationwide educational campaign to be launched by the Arthritis Foundation during Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week, September 21-27.

According to the foundation, juvenile arthritis (JA) is a painful, sometimes debilitating condition that affects as many as 200,000 American children. But with early diagnosis and proper support, children and their families can learn to cope with JA and enjoy a full range of activities.

Using the theme "Kids Get Arthritis, Too," the Arthritis Foundation's week-long awareness effort will focus on local elementary school systems with a variety of programs, including lesson plans for teachers and an educational coloring book

for third and fourth graders.

"Sometimes it's difficult for parents, teachers and schoolmates to come to grips with the special challenges faced by young people who have arthritis," said Suzanne Taurek, leader of the New Jersey Chapter's Juvenile Arthritis Parent Support Group. "But these problems are very real and very painful even if there are no outward signs of the illness, as is frequently the case. This is why education and awareness are so important."

Some little known facts about JA include the following:

— Arthritis affects 37 million Americans, among them an estimated

200,000 children.

— There are more than 100 forms of arthritis, the primary form in children is called juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) and affects an estimated 71,000 American children.

— The major medical features of JRA include joint inflammation, joint deformity, joint damage and altered growth. Other medical complications also may develop as a result of the disease or as side effects of treatment. However, early diagnosis and treatment can go a long way in preventing significant physical disability in later years.

— In addition to the chronic pain and other medical effects on children with arthritis, there can be substantial emotional and financial drain on the entire

family as a result of caring for a chronically ill child.

— The treatment program for juvenile arthritis attempts to control inflammation, relieve pain and prevent or control joint damage. In general, treatment will include medications, rest, exercise, eye care and a balanced diet. In some cases surgery may be needed to replace joints, relieve pain or release joint contractures.

For more information about juvenile arthritis, including a free booklet titled "Arthritis in Children," the parent support group and other information or services to help families cope with arthritis, contact the Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter, 200 Middlesex Turnpike, Iselein, NJ 08830 or call 908-283-4300 or 609-482-0600.

Walk or Run for Muhlenberg

PLAINFIELD—Miles for Muhlenberg, a five mile walkathon, children's fun run and free health fair, will be held Sunday, September 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine.

Proceeds from the event, sponsored by Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, will benefit the hospital's Cardiac Care Program.

The walkathon will begin and end at the Muhlenberg Employee Parking Lot at Randolph Road. The fee is \$5 if you register prior to the event and \$7 on the day.

The Children's Fun Run, consisting of 50, 75

and 100 yard dashes for youngsters ages 4 to 10, will be held at the Plainfield High School Track on Randolph Road. There is a \$3 registration fee for one child and \$5 for two or more children.

The Health Fair, to be held in the medical center lobby, features a blood pressure screening, nutritional information and a Teddy Bear Clinic. Children may bring their favorite stuffed animal to be "treated" by a physician.

Call the Muhlenberg Foundation at (908) 668-2025 for applications. T-shirts will be given to the first 330 pre-registrants.

One to One director

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assistant director of Community Affairs for the Provident Insurance Company, the Newark Housing Authority, Essex County Welfare Board and currently serves as an advisor to his brother, Congressman Donald M. Payne (D-10 C.D., N.J.).

Payne says it is essential for the Foundation to be "more than just another mentoring program. We ask mentors to be ready for a long-term commitment because it is important for children and adults to have a trusting relationship to set achievable goals, build self-esteem and determination whether or not a student should enter college or the job market after high school."

Payne has a long record of volunteerism in cities like Newark, Paterson, Elizabeth, Trenton and Camden. He is an executive committee member of the Appello Foundation READY program, has worked with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, served on the United Negro College Fund State Corporations Committee, the Newark Day Center board of directors, chaired the Newark Fresh Air Fund Campership Committee and founded the Small Business Council of the Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce.

Like his brother, Congressman Donald Payne, Bill Payne is interested in international affairs and for the past several years has attended congressional committee meetings with world leaders like Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres of Israel, attended conferences in El Salvador

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employment of outside specialists on a case by case basis. As far as a full-time staff being more economical, opponents say that obligations to pay outside counsel in certain cases, e.g., police defendants, zoning and planning boards, would continue and no budgeting certainty would result.

Next Week, we'll look at the process of advice and consent. What do you think? We would like to know your opinion. Send your comments to: CITY NEWS, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07060

to address human rights abuses and participated in policy forums sponsored by the Aspen Institute, South Africa.

Payne is optimistic about the future of young people world-wide despite "a growing negative image." He points to the Weed and Seed program under the aegis of the Treasury General in Trenton as a positive step in a new director for saving at-risk children.

Trenton will be the second city to benefit from the One to One N.J. project, followed by mentoring programs for at-risk students in Paterson, Camden and Atlantic City.

On a recent visit to Trenton Payne became interested in the existing mentorships provided through the Mercer County Big Brothers/Big Sisters at Cadwalder and Rivera elementary schools and was successful in obtaining a \$15,000 grant from the Appello

Foundation to fund a part of the program.

Recognizing that "mentoring is not the panacea for all at-risk youths and their families," Payne said, "However, we do believe that caring adults (who are) committed to improving the quality of life now will develop a positive influence that will be a productive, rewarding life experience for young people tomorrow."

Payne ought to know. He is a former member of the National Advisory Board of the Vice President's Task Force on Youth Motivation, was a director of Plans for Progress, a program sponsored by the Newark school system in the mid-60s, former national chairman of the NAACP Youth Work Committee, The Leagues, Inc. (a scholarship program for inner city students) and a long-time member of the Newark Committee for Better Public Schools.

Child Health Consortium seeks volunteers

PLAINFIELD—The Central New Jersey Maternal and Child Health Care Consortium, of which Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center is a member, is seeking volunteers to join the regional organization which serves Middlesex, Somerset, Mercer, Hunterdon and portions of Union counties.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Board of Directors and on special committees relating to health

care services, professional and community education, outreach, and quality improvement.

If you have an interest in serving and you live in one of the counties identified above, please respond by September 18 to Jean Buerle Harley, Director, Central New Jersey Maternal and Child Health Consortium, c/o of St. Peter's Medical Center, 254 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, 908-745-8600, ext. 8637.

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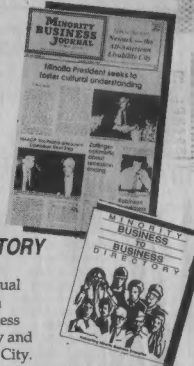
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

EWING TOWNSHIP—The diverse talents of the Trenton State College Art faculty will be showcased in the annual 1992 Faculty Art Exhibition, which will open in the Holmdel Hall gallery and run through October 24. For more information call 908-771-2108.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

NEWARK—The Newark Symphony Hall welcomes conductor Gerd Altmann to the stage for an evening of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, beginning Saturday, September 19, 10:00am to 1:00pm, through October 24. For more information call 201-643-8000.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

SUMMIT—The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will host an on-site workshop series, "You-Do Landscape Painting" with Vito Lario, which will be held every Saturday, 10:00am to 1:00pm, through October 24. For more information call 908-275-0121.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

WESTURY—Howie Mandel will come to Westbury Music Fair to entertain audiences with his award-winning comedy. Showtimes are 7:00pm and 9:00pm. For more information call 516-334-0000.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

NEW YORK—The Manhattan Theatre Club will present the New York Theatre Workshop production of "Crazy for You" by Stephen Sondheim, beginning Sept. 22 at the City Center Stage Theatre. The play will be performed until November 15. For more information call 212-681-1212.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

PRINCETON—McCart Theatre will open its 1992-93 theater season with Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" through October 11. For more information call 609-683-8000.

WATCHING—The Watching Arts Center will open its fourth jazz season featuring concert pianist John Bachar, jazz pianist Keith Jarrett, and Greg Cohen on the band. For reservation information call 800-763-0190.

WESTURY—Westbury Music Fair will present Gallagher, in three hours shows, September 25 at 8:00pm, and September 27 at 7:00pm. For more information call 516-334-0000.

Out All Night: Looks like recording and touring will be taking a backseat to acting for Patti LaBelle. At least for the moment, as one of R&B's reigning divas turns her career-energizing toward "Out All Night." Set to debut September 19 in the 8:30 slot of what's a Saturday night live, the show stars LaBelle as the owner of a chic nightclub, where she keeps a tight rein and watchful eye over Dwayne Martin and "Boyz 'N The Hood" star Morris Chestnut, who were hired to manage the club. The show's brainchild is R&B concert promoter Alan Hayman. LaBelle is the show's star, and she's the only one of the night's regulars who isn't a performer. The show will feature LaBelle's music, but she's the only one of the night's regulars who isn't a performer. The show will feature LaBelle's music, but she's the only one of the night's regulars who isn't a performer.

Motown tapped it's famed vaults for unreleased works by the Jackson 5 for the soundtrack to their upcoming Jackson's miniseries. Though the show is not slated to run until November, the first single is expected to be released within the next month or so...A director is expected to be announced shortly for "Johnny Spain," the true story of the Black Panther who turned his life around after being framed for a prison murder. Oliver Stone and

Suzanne DePasse will produce...Other projects high on the priority list for Columbia Pictures is "Black Panther" starring Wesley Snipes in a new movie based on the Marvel Comics character; and "Blankman," a spoof of superheroes, with Damon Wayans as producer, writer and star. (Also starring Wesley Snipes in a new movie based on the Marvel Comics character; and "Blankman," a spoof of superheroes, with Damon Wayans as producer, writer and star.)

The Second Coming: "What would happen if Jesus came back today as a black man? What do you think the response would be? Well, that's the subject of Blair Underwood's first short film, "The Second Coming." Sporting dreadlocks and a beard, Underwood stars as "Jesus" in the 30-minute short he also directed and produced for his film company...Quiet Fury Productions. Cast members include Rosalind Cash as Mary and James Earl Jones narrates. In Christ's present-day version, Christ is sent to a mental institution for his opinions to be the Messiah. The central theme in Underwood's short is that as human beings, we understand that our spirituality is "colorless." Underwood, who is producing his sixth season on "L.A. Law," will also wrap production on "Father & Son," an NBC-TV movie special. In it, he stars opposite Lou Gossett.

On the home front: Vanessa Williams and her husband Ralston Hovvey have packed up their two daughters and moved back to update New York, where she grew up. Williams isn't the only celebrity moving back east. So too, is Eddie Murphy, who is moving his operations to the east coast. Of course, if you're interested in buying his Beverly Hills estate, it's available for a paltry \$7 million...Newlyweds Bobby Brown and Whitney Houston recently returned from their honeymoon to more good news. Sensi's pregnant. (Houston suffered a miscarriage earlier in the year while on the set of the new movie, the Bodyguard). The movie's director, stars Kevin Costner is due out later

this year...By the way: If you hadn't heard enough of Former D.C. Mayor Marion Barry's story, it's all set to be the subject of a big Hollywood biopic. I'll have more details on that as they are available.

New Directions For Don Cornelius: Don Cornelius hopes to repeat his success with the Soul

Train Music Awards with a new awards broadcast, "The Soul Train Comedy Awards," a live two-hour prime time broadcast which will emanate from the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on Tuesday, August 3, 1993. The show will annually recognize and honor the year's funniest African-American

comedy performers in television, film and stand-up.

Cornelius is promising a fast-paced format, similar to the style of the Soul Train Music Awards, with exciting stand-up comedy as well as music performances and a star-studded black-and-white audience.

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SBF, 42, mother with male child seeks serious individual, 30-40 who loves music, books, chess, and is looking for a long-term relationship. P.O. Box 651, Newark, NJ 07101.

SBF, 43, seeks serious companion 35-50. I'm a solitary thinker with a real understanding of life. I'm a light thinker. Please include phone number. 1-800-370-2119.

SBF, 40 years young, never married, no children, no disease and no nasty habits. I am seeking serious black male between 40-50 who is secure, likes the outdoors, church, etc. Only the serious respond to Helene P.O. Box 645, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Are you a tall black man looking for a tall black woman? I'm a black SBF, 28, good looking, with a sparkling personality, looking for a special someone who is sincere, honest, and intelligent. Send letter to: P.O. Box 18, Irvington, NJ 07111.

Attractive SBF, 28, 5'6" educated, seeks companion of an intelligent, down to earth male 28-30. Must be ambitious, like movies, theater, weekend trips in the summer. Send to: CAPERS P.O. Box 174, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

MBFNO 20-40 attractive, full figured, shapely, 5'6" seeks male for friendship, calls, late night conversation. Please include photo and phone number. Write to: SHANETTA, 55 Mount Drive, Hackett, NJ 07030.

MBFNO is a black 22-year-old female who's looking for a black male 25-35 years of age. I'm a good looking, outgoing, I can be reached at 202-477-2695.

I am looking for a male, 34 or 40 in good condition. I am 51, honest, caring. My name is Joyce. 1-800-370-2119.

I am widowed, medium in size, 5'4" I was told I am a nice looking woman with my mixed guy. Looking for male companion 35-55 who is caring. Write to: SHANETTA, 55 Mount Drive, Hackett, NJ 07030.

SBF, 27, professional seeks monogamous relationship with distinguished, mature, male. I enjoy doing my own thing. Serious responses only. Write to: SHANETTA, 55 Mount Drive, Hackett, NJ 07030.

SBF, HELPI! I am a lonely, extremely cold SBF looking to make a whole lot of noise. I'm called "Dope" me is Lisa. Denise P.O. Box 88, Irvington, NJ 07111.

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SBF, 41, 5'7", 150 lbs, light complexion, professional seeks BM, age 36 to 46, 5'10" or taller, physically fit. Please, no excessive drinking, playing other religious games. Send inquiries to: P.O. Box 482, Newark, NJ 07105-0482. 1-800-370-2119.

SBF, 38, professional full-figured with bubbly personality, likes sports and outdoor activities. Send inquiries to: P.O. Box 482, Newark, NJ 07105-0482. 1-800-370-2119.

SBF, 32, full-figured, educated with a sparkling personality, seeks an honest, open-minded, 30-40 or 50 BM. Send reply to P.O. Box 665, Orange, NJ 07047. 1-800-370-2119.

SBF, 32, tall, attractive, professional, seeks to 30-35 BM who is intelligent and attractive looking with a sparkling personality. Send reply to P.O. Box 665, Orange, NJ 07047. 1-800-370-2119.

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SBF, 42, Catholic, looking for someone fun. 6'2 1/2 in. I'll never believe in you, however, I'll be yours forever. Send me something, to Barnes, P.O. Box 18, Irvington, NJ 07111.

SBF, 30, light brown complexion, handsome, looks much younger, not smoker, no drinker, drug free, 5'11" 160 pounds, slim, muscular physique, in good health. I am searching for a professional, intelligent, Hispanic lady, intelligent, voluptuous, and marriage minded. I am a self-employed employee. I am a writer. Write to: P.O. Box 2254, Newark, NJ 07101. One young female friend only.

OWNA, 38, twin, looking for someone, slim, fun loving female for friendship, maybe relationship. 1-800-370-2119.

SBF, African-born, 31, 5'4", seeks woman of color (black or Hispanic) with professional background between the ages of 24 and 30. I am a black man, possibly, married. Send inquiries with photo and phone number to: SHANETTA, 55 Mount Drive, Hackett, NJ 07030.

SBF, Christian, college graduate, active, 44 years old, 5'9", 195 lbs, strong, charming, lives near Newark, NJ, seeks serious relationship. Write to: SHANETTA, 55 Mount Drive, Hackett, NJ 07030.

To a woman of color (Black or Hispanic) 30-38 of age. From Black progressive/Communist Pro-

fessional Male, 28, 5'6", Seeking for that lovely lady who needs a real friend. 1-800-370-2119.

Full figured, female companion desired by SBF. Send reply to P.O. Box 1606, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Please include photo and phone number.

SBF, 46, employed, educated, honest, seeks SBF, 35-45, Hispanic, plump, under 5'9". P.O. Box 834, Orange, NJ 07047. 1-800-370-2119.

SBF, 38, seeks male for friendship, calls, late night conversations. If you're looking for a real man, please send letter to: SHANETTA, 55 Mount Drive, Hackett, NJ 07030. 1-800-370-2119.

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CITY BUSINESS

Labor Council sponsors Interfaith Labor Day Observance

Business Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ATLANTIC CITY — A reception and dinner honoring the members of the New Jersey Legislature will be held at the New York Hilton Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. Reservations for both the special AMTRAK train ride and from Atlantic City and dinner will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEWARK — A Marketing Symposium will be sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Bell Atlantic and the U.S. Department of Commerce at the New York Airport Marriott. The program is entitled, "Success in the 90's." The symposium workshops will include information on various aspects of the business world and technology. Veterans who are small business owners are eligible to attend the symposium at a reduced rate. For more information call 908-225-2468.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

SOMERVILLE — The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Recognition of Outstanding Business People Committee has set September 20 as the deadline for nominating candidates in its recognition program. For more information call 908-725-1552.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

UNION — NJ United Minority Business Brain Trust, Inc. sponsors "Marketing Effectively to the Private Sector" presentation by Patricia Cox, Purchasing Director, AT&T. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. at AT&T 650 Liberty Avenue. For more information call 908-246-3332.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

SOMERSET — The 9th annual New Jersey Environmental Exposition for Business and Industry will be held October 19-21 at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, New Jersey. The show will feature regional, industry experts and seminar workshops on relevant issues. For more information call 201-379-1100.

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The Art of Being Personal

NEWARK—The art, history and culture of the Labor Movement in Essex County and New Jersey was celebrated at an interfaith Labor Day observance, "A Celebration of Labor," on Friday, September 11 at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral in Newark.

Sponsored by the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council AFL-CIO, the event began with a march from the monument in Military Park. A band led a parade of union members and local supporters marching proudly behind the banners of their locals. Msgr. George G. Higgins of Catholic University and Rev. Dr. William D. Watley, Pastor of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, spoke during the program, which included music and singing, art exhibits and a slide program on the history of labor in the area.

According to Thomas P. Giblin, President of International Union of Operating Engi-

neers Local 68 and chairperson of the event, "We feel that many people have forgotten the meaning of Labor Day. We want to be sure that our children are aware of the historical struggles of working people that have made our lives better today. This country is facing crises in housing, employment opportunities and health care — all traditional issues championed by the labor movement. There is much that can be learned by looking at and celebrating our past."

Dr. William D. Watley, who is building St. James Preparatory School in Newark, points out the parallels between the interests of the Black churches today and the traditional interests of the labor movement: "Better housing, more economic opportunity, more educational opportunity — we cannot help but see that our interests are common. It is time that the churches and the labor unions came together again to advance the cause of economic and social justice in America."



Members of the planning committee for "A Celebration of Labor" (l. to r.): Dr. William D. Watley, pastor of St. James AME Church; Rev. Willie Simmons on the North Jersey Committee of Black Churches and a member of the Organization of Black Trade Union Leaders; Carolee Graves, president of American Federation of Teachers Local 481; Msgr. John Gilehrst, vicar for pastor life for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark; and David Weber, president of Communications Workers of America Local 108.

MCC seminars for small businesses

WEST WINDSOR—The Small Business Development Center of the Division of Corporate and Community Programs at Mercer County College (MCC) has organized a series of seminars that feature topics of special interest to the small business community.

Learn how to increase sales with Jim Carlton, managing director of the Chester Marketing Group of Camden, NJ, at seminar titled "How to Sell More Effectively," to be held on Thursday, September 17 at 8 a.m.

Learn how and where to find financing for small businesses at "Access to Capital," to be held on Thursday, September 29 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Also, the criteria financial institutions look for when reviewing loan applications and the importance of communicating effectively with lenders will be dis-

cussed.

The speakers for this seminar will be Joe Fernicola, U.S. Small Business Administration; Eugene Bukowski, New Jersey Economic Development Authority; Len Goldner, New Jersey Department of Commerce and Economic Development; Stephen Smith, United Jersey Bank; and Larry

Jenkins, Core-States/New Jersey National Bank.

The cost of the seminars is \$10 each, which will include morning snacks. Both seminars will be held in the Community Room of Core-States/New Jersey National Bank, located at 1 West State Street in Trenton. For more information call 609-586-4800, ext. 688.

'Starting and Managing Your Own Small Business'

NEWARK—The Newark Chapter #15 of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), will conduct a pre-business workshop on Tuesday, September 15th at New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, located at 540 Broad Street, Newark, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The workshop, titled "Starting and Managing Your Own Business," will focus on such topics as tax obligations, marketing, record keeping, advertising, financing and franchising.

Persons interested in attending are asked to contact SCORE at 201-645-3982 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$10.

Local firms sponsor Chamber award program

SOMERVILLE—Five area businesses — AT&T, Bridgewater Commons, Kavanagh Oil Company, and Monday Morning — are showing their support for the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce by sponsoring its Outstanding Business People of 1992 awards.

Sponsorships are still available in the following categories: Corporate (\$1,000), Patron (\$500), Supporting (\$250), and Contributing (\$125). Beneficiaries are available depending on the category selected.

Nominations are being accepted until September 21 for the three business categories — small busi-

ness, larger companies, and non-profit/service organizations — as well as for the Young Entrepreneur award, which is open to high school or college students who reside in the county and currently operate a business in the county. Applications are available at local high school guidance offices or the Chamber office.

Award recipients will be recognized at a luncheon held in their honor on Friday, November 6 at the Martinsville Inn in Martinsville. For additional information please contact the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce at 908-725-1552.

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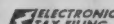
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NOTICE FOR ARCHITECTS/ENGINEERS 1993 COMPREHENSIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Salem is inviting submissions from professional architectural/engineering firms regarding the 1993 Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP). The scope of work includes:

1. Assist the Authority during the Partnership Planning Process.
2. Preparing the Five-Year Comprehensive Plan.
3. Physical Needs Assessment & Corrective Strategy.
4. Management Needs Assessment & Corrective Strategy.
5. Prepare the Annual Statement, Executive Summary, and other supporting documents.
6. Section 504 Needs Assessment and Transition Plan.

All submissions will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Professional and technical experience.
2. Capability to provide professional services in a timely manner.
3. Past performance in terms of cost control, quality of work and performance schedules.
4. Knowledge of local building practices, and, and
5. General response to the invitation.

Interested Architectural/Engineering firms should respond by 9:00 a.m. September 24, 1992 to Michelle L. Howard-Hudson, Executive Director Housing Authority of the Borough of Salem, 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079.

RUTH O. GROSS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTRESS

NOTICE FOR ARCHITECTS/ENGINEERS

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Carteret is inviting submissions from professional architectural/engineering firms regarding the 1993 Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP). The scope of work includes:

1. Assist the Authority during the Partnership Planning Process.
2. Physical Needs Assessment & Corrective Strategy.
3. Management Needs Assessment & Corrective Strategy.
4. Prepare the Five-Year Action Plan, Annual Statement and Executive Summary.
5. Assure compliance with the Section 504 Needs Assessment and Transition Plan.
6. Prepare all other Supporting Documents necessary for a complete submission.

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Interested Architectural/Engineering firms should respond by 9:00 a.m. September 24, 1992 to Michelle L. Howard-Hudson, Executive Director Housing Authority of the Borough of Carteret, 66 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret, New Jersey 07006.

MICHELLE L. HOWARD-HUDSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE

Separate sealed proposals will be received by the Morris County Housing Authority on September 24, 1992 at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time in the office of the Housing Authority of the County of Morris, 99 Kentz Road and West Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey for:

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INTERIOR OF APARTMENTS AND EXTERIOR DOORS OF INTERIOR OF APARTMENTS AND EXTERIOR DOORS, addressed to the Housing Authority of the County of Morris and presented in person. The proposal when submitted shall be accompanied by a Non-Collusion Affidavit.

Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder and the words "PAINTING OF INTERIOR OF APARTMENTS AND EXTERIOR DOORS", addressed to the Housing Authority of the County of Morris and presented in person. The proposal when submitted shall be accompanied by a Non-Collusion Affidavit.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE HOUR NAMED, NOT BEFORE AND NOT AFTER, AND NO BID WILL BE RECEIVED BY MAIL, OVERNIGHT DELIVERY OR FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION.

The right to reject any or all bids and to waive immaterial formalities is reserved.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127 and P.L. 1977, C. 33.

ROBERTA L. STRATER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

9-9-92

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LEAD BASED PAINT TESTING SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem is requesting proposals from qualified firms for the Lead-Based Paint (LBP) Testing Services for the HUD Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP).

Proposals will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. on October 2, 1992.

If you are interested in providing this LBP testing service, please apply during business hours for a copy of the Request For Proposal (RFP) at:

Housing Authority of the City of Salem
205 Seventh Street
Salem, New Jersey 08079
(609) 935-5022

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

RUTH O. GROSS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTRESS

9-16-92

INVITATION TO BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) will receive sealed bids for: **(1) NJ 13 Speed Village, Elevator Maintenance Contract for a period of one (1) year.**

The Bid Opening will be held at 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on October 9, 1992 in the Board Room of the Authority, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey. **NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Inspections of the sites will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 30, 1992.

Bidding documents, including specification, may be obtained at the Administration Office, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07655 in the Purchasing Department or by calling (201) 965-8347.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Bids will be awarded only to the corporation or other entity under whose name qualifications, prequalifications (where provided for by the Authority and applicable), bonding documentation and other documentation are submitted. Corporate affiliates, subsidiary or parent corporation or related entities are not automatically qualified.

Firms choosing to submit their bids via the "United States" mail are required to have said mail delivered prior to appointment opening time. Proper consideration will be given to allow for weekends and holidays.

The authority will only accept original and originally executed bidding documents (including but not limited to the Bid Affidavit, Qualification Questionnaire, Statement of Ownership, Statement of Ownership, Statement of Compliance, Bid Bond, Consent of Surety, Certificate as to Corporate Principal, HUD Directive, and Affirmative Action).

Photocopies and/or telex/cable copies of such documents will not be accepted in lieu of originals.

All bidders will be required to submit a certified or cashier check to the order of the Authority for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey.

An appropriate surety's consent by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey and on the approved list binding itself to become Surety for the full and faithful performance of the contract in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract for the protection of all persons furnishing materials or labor for fulfilling the contract is also required in all cases. A consent of surety must be submitted with either type of security (5% of bid amount) including a certified or cashier check or bid bond.

Bid bond, Consent of Surety, Performance and Payment Bonds must be obtained from Bid Bond/Surety Companies listed on the Federal Register "Department of the Treasury" Circular 570. The register will be provided with the bid documents.

All bids and security must be enclosed in properly sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contained therein.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred (100%) of the contract price.

The provision of Affirmative Action Program (AAP) and minority Business Enterprise (MBE) are incorporated herein. Full requirements of the programs may be obtained with the bid documents.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid without the consent of the Authority. Schedule of Withdrawal and administrative charges are included with the bid documents.

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Newark 'Marching 100' takes first-place

NEWARK—The "City of Newark Marching 100" Drum and Bugle Corps, under the direction of Jack Drury, placed first at the recent Garden State Standstill Championship at the Bayonne High School football field.

Harold Wright, Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) special events coordinator and "Marching 100" official, said that the Newark squad had completed an undefeated season in its first year of competition.

Drury, director of the Korn Dru Aca-

demie Sports Camp, Ltd., said, "A major factor behind our success is that the youth get to work and learn in an informal, exciting and relaxed atmosphere. And we do work hard."

Newark Councilman and New Jersey State Senator, Ronald Rice, introduced the initiative before the Municipal Council and played an instrumental role in founding the marching unit.

"Newark citizens should be very proud of these young people because the corps

only began in September of 1991. We knew the program was needed, and that it would excel, but we thought it would take them a year or two to come together. That just shows you what determined, talented young people can do," Rice said.

(He added, "The youngsters are enthusiastic and their grades are up because the program supplements a creative, real life learning experience sometimes missing from the school system.")

Rice thanked Major General Vito

Morgano and Brigadier General Preston Taylor, the Adjutant General and Deputy Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard, for helping to make the drum and bugle corps a reality. The Senator looks forward to the squad competing nationally and internationally.

Brig. Gen. Taylor said, "We are happy for the success of the marching unit and that a well coordinated usage partnership between the Guard and the community has been developed."

Roslyn Lightfoot, DORCA manager,

said the corps, comprised of youngsters who live and go to school in Newark, is a year-round educational program. The corps will accept new applicants on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 9 a.m., respectively, beginning September 9 at the Newark Armory, located at 120 Roosevelt Avenue, Lightfoot noted.

For details, please contact Mr. Drury of the "Newark Marching 100," c/o Korn Dru Academic Sports Camp, Ltd., 16 Wyckview Drive, Westfield, NJ 07090, 908-233-1233.

Legendary sports heroes team up with youthful dads at benefit basketball game

NEWARK—Famous sports figures—including football's Harry Carson and Ron Johnson, and basketball's Marvin Webster—will lead the court in the second annual Celebrity Basketball Game to benefit a program for young fathers at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School in Newark.

The game, set for Saturday, September 19 at 5 p.m. in the Essex County College gymnasium, located at 303 University Avenue, will be played by celebrity athletes and young men served by the program. In addition to Carson, Johnson and Webster, stars from the New Jersey Nets are scheduled to be at the event.

The benefit will allow the Young Fathers Program at UMDNJ's Newark campus to build its mentorship component. Mentorship pairs young dads with adult volunteers from business and civic groups, who serve as advisors,

friends and role models. The first celebrity game realized approximately \$5,000 for the program. Carson and Johnson have been working with the Young Fathers Program for several years.

The Young Fathers Program assists adolescent and young adult men ages 15 to 25. The program's goals are to improve the lives of the fathers, improve parent-child relationships, reduce the abuse and neglect of children, reduce repeated unwanted pregnancies and generally strengthen individual family systems.

Launched in March of 1987, the program, which includes education, employment and family counseling, job placement, and social and recreational activities, serves approximately 125 to 150 young men a year. The service is offered without charge and has a flexible schedule to meet the needs of its participants.

For further information about the Young Father's Program and the Celebrity Basketball Game call 201-456-5531. Tickets may be obtained in advance at the UMDNJ-University Hospital cafeteria. Prices are \$4 for children under 12 and \$7 for general admission.

Newark breaks ground for boxing facility

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James and boxing promoter, Carolyn Kelley recently announced the official ground breaking ceremony for the \$325,000 First Class Championship Development Center, to be constructed at 936 Bergen

Street (on the corners of Custer Avenue and Bergen Street).

The 7,500 square foot facility will serve youth and adults citywide offering boxing, martial arts, exercise and aerobic classes and other athletic activities and will operate daily.

Kelley, founder of the center, said in the event that additional funds are allocated to her project the new facility will also provide job training, on-site medical detection facilities, and daycare.

Cleveland Wayson, the project engineer and a boxing corner-man, said he expects the construction of the Center to be completed by early November.

Wayson noted, "The program will deal with the education of the total person, teaching kids a skill and allowing

them to actively participate in life."

"Too many of our youth are out there getting into trouble. We are looking to lead by example so that anyone leaving this program can be considered a role model," continued Wayson.

After touring the construction site and listening to Kelley describe some extended uses for the center, Mayor James said he was honored to be involved with the project.

"This new center is going to be one of the best of our private/public partnerships. This project could quickly become an anchor for Newark and bordering communities by providing neighborhood children with the opportunity to learn a skill while developing a sense of pride and integrity," said James.

Newark Police saddle up for bike patrol

NEWARK—The Newark Police Department recently unveiled its new bicycle patrol unit, code named "Rolling Thunder-Part 1," which consists of 10 patrolmen dressed in Newark police T-shirts, spandex shorts, bicycle helmets, and modified equipment holsters.

According to Police Director William Celester, the new patrol unit, which uses 10-speed bikes and 21 speed mountain bikes, is the latest component of the department's new neighborhood policing effort: Saturation and Visibility Enforcement (SAVE).

Celester said the bicycle unit includes patrols by two five-officer units that will tour 16 target areas throughout the Vailsburg section from 3 to 11 p.m. If the program is successful, it could become a fixture in the City and be expanded to the other wards, operating during the winter months as well.

Car thieves

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their children.

The state also plans to set aside 100 beds for car thieves in correction institutions to make the threat of a jail term real.

According to leaders of the Task Force of Auto Theft, established last December in Union and Essex County, the task force has virtually eliminated thefts by joy-riders and are now faced with a "hard-core" group of about 100 repeat offenders.

"When less than a hundred juveniles are responsible for more than a thousand car thefts, there is something wrong with the system," says Del Tufo. "These offenders must be held accountable for their actions. They must know that there will be sure and certain punishment for their anti-social acts."

Once in custody, juvenile offenders will receive remedial training to guide them back into a law-abiding society. When they are released, juveniles, along with their parents, will be required to continue that education process.

"If we can recapture these young people, the criminal justice system could concentrate on the hardened offenders who resist early intervention efforts," Del Tufo explained.

The state will also provide additional equipment, including computer, cars and communication equipment, and state troopers to assist the Auto Theft Task Force.

The task force—consisting of members of nine municipal police departments, the Essex County Sheriff's Department, the Union County Police Department and the Port Authority Police Department as well as the two prosecutor's offices—recently released a summary of its activities since it began operating last December. The report says that the task force has arrested 247 suspected car thieves and has recovered 235 stolen cars, with a total value of more than \$2 million.

Finally, the state will develop a variety of neighborhood based programs to help combat the problem. The state is planning programs such as a community-based probation program that makes offenders accountable to the neighborhood as well as to the courthouse, an "academy" to help adults strengthen their parenting and a "community summit" where young people, parents, neighborhood leaders and police can get together to discuss and develop answers to the problems facing the community.

Del Tufo said, "A balance of community programs and fun deterrent measures will go a long way toward applying the brakes to car theft."

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